

KENTUCKY RIVER

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National Park Service

Project Name: Kentucky River Water Trail

Project Type:

- Recreation (River Access)
- Education

Project Description: The majestic Kentucky River flows from its headwaters in the foothills of eastern Kentucky northward 256 miles to its mouth at the Ohio River in Carrollton, Kentucky. Passing through dramatic palisades and iconic Kentucky bluegrass farms, the Kentucky River provides an opportunity to establish a water trail for recreational boaters and to attract adventure tourists. The Kentucky River Water Trail will incorporate interpretive opportunities for boaters, including both river ecology and the unique history along the Kentucky River. Paddling from Beattyville to the Ohio River will provide a unique perspective of Kentucky for young and old paddlers alike.

Lead Federal Agency:

- National Park Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- Kentucky Riverkeeper, Inc.
- Commonwealth of Kentucky
- Frankfort/Franklin County Tourism Commission

Outcomes for 2012:

- Complete needs assessment and implementation plan for the water trail
- Develop information and outreach materials on recreational boating
- Prepare National Water Trail application and pursue designation
- Develop and improve river access
- Open Pool 4 as a new 17-mile section of the Kentucky River Water Trail
- Open an additional 19 miles of the Kentucky River Water Trail in Pool 11